

RELATED APPLICATION

5 The present application is a division of my
originally filed application Serial No. 09/307,990, filed
May 10, 1999, entitled PLASTIC SHOPPING BAG. Serial No.
09/307,990 is ^{abandoned} ~~still~~ pending.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention relates to the construction of
a flat bottom plastic shopping bag constructed unitarily
with a handle and to the method for making the bag.

15 Plastic shopping bags have supplanted paper bags for
use in supermarkets, and most retail establishments,
because of their versatility, decorativeness and
cheapness. Generally, such bags, have a disadvantage in
that they are formed with hanging triangularly shaped
bottoms and are thus difficult to fill. It has been
attempted to provide plastic bags having flat bottoms, for
more conveniently receiving grocery items, boxes and the
20 like. Such bags, however, cannot be made inexpensively.
Another problem with conventional plastic bag lies in the
fact that they are not self supporting and therefor their